PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No: Q77896 In re application of Tomoyuki MAEDA, et al. Group Art Unit: 1794 Appln. No.: 10/574,573 Examiner: Kevin M. BERNATZ Confirmation No.: 9288 Filed: April 4, 2006 PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, MANUFACTURING For: METHOD THEREFOR, AND MAGNETIC READ/WRITE APPARATUS USING THE SAME AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c) MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: In response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2009, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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